(e) As mentioned above, there is no new package of rehabilitation announced by the Government.

Food Processing unit at Panniti, South Arcot, Tamil Nadu

2125. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has any proposal under its consideration to commence a food processing unit at Panniti, South Arcot District in Tamil Nadu, to preserve the Jackfruit grown in that area in plenty;

(b) if so, when Government propose to execute the same; and

(c) if not, whether the Centre would facilitate loans to individuals to set up jackfruit processing unit at Panniti?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have formulated various Plan schemes to extend financial assistance to the State Government undertakings, Public sector undertakings and Cooperatives etc., for increasing the present processing capacity setting up of food processing industries and for modernisation of these industries. This assistance is given on the proposals received through the State Governments. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any scheme to provide loans to individuals.

2126. [*Transferred to the 17th December*, 1991]

Market share of companies in aerated bevarages/tetrapack fruit drinks

2127. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the market share of the various Companies who make aerated beverages and tetrapack fruit drinks;

(b) what steps Government have taken in restricting the growing monopoly of certain companies so far;

(c) whether any notices have been issued to any company for having a dominant market share and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the MRTPC has been investigating any complaints against the large Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Prior approval of the Government under MRTP Act, 1969 for setting or expansion of undertakings for manufacture of aerated/tetrapack fruit drinks is not required, as the provisions of Section 20, 21 and 22 of the Act stand deleted in terms of the MRTP (Amendment) Ordinance dated 27-9-1991. However, the MRTP Commission, being a quasi-judicial body, is empowered to take necessary action in the matter of monopolistic trade practices under the provisions of the Act.

(c) No default notice was issued to any company for registration as dominant undertaking in aerated beverages/fruit drinks, nor was any company/undertaking registered as such under the MRTP Act. Further, the question of issuing a default notice on that account does not arise since the relevant provisions relating to registration under the MRTP Act, 1969 stand deleted.

(d) The MRTP Commission has reported that it has not been investigation any complaint relating to monopolistic trade practice against large company engaged in aerated beverages/tetrapack fruit drinks. However, enquiries relating to restrictive trade practice/unfair trade practice against some soft drink manufacturers are in progress before the Commission.